

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE ABSTRACT

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(57) ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a method of deactivating the touch screen lock in a portable electronic device comprising a touch screen and means for locking the touch screen. The method comprises detecting ~~(208)~~ touches on predetermined contact areas on the touch screen in a given order during touch screen lock and deactivating ~~(210)~~ the touch screen lock once said touches on said predetermined contact areas are detected. The invention also relates to a portable electronic device comprising a touch screen ~~(106)~~ and means ~~(100, 106, 112)~~ for locking the touch screen. The device comprises means ~~(100, 106)~~ for detecting touches on predetermined contact areas on the touch screen in a given order during touch screen lock and deactivating the touch screen lock once said touches on said predetermined contact areas are detected.